WRITTEN ANSWERS TO STARRED QUESTIONS

Bio-pesticide from custard apple

*343. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian Institute of Chemcial Technology,Hyderabad, has produced a Bio-pesticide from the seeds of custard apple;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Institute applied to the Central Insecticides Board for a license, to introduce the product for commercial use, nearly two years back;

(d) if so, whether the license has been issued;

(e) if not, the reasons for the delay in issuing the license;

(f) whether half a dozen important discoveries made by the above Institute are pending for clearance from Central Insecticides Board; and

(g) if so, the reasons for not giving the clearance?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR): (a) and (b) The Indian Institute of Chemical Technology (IICT), Hyderabad, a laboratory under the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR), has identified active components from the seed of custard apple that are effective in controlling insect pests and has developed a process technology for their extraction.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) and (e) Do not arise.

(f) There are no applications from IICT, Hyderabad for registration of any bio-pesticides with the Secretariat of the Central Insecticides Board and Registration Committee.

(g) Does not arise.